



The AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) Network is the largest HIV/AIDS clinical trials organization in the world. We currently have 34 domestic & 25 international sites.



## An Update from the PHOENix Protocol Team

### **PHOENix is Rising!**

The A5300B/I2003B/PHOENix, Protecting Households On Exposure to Newly Diagnosed Index Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis Patients (PHOENix MDR-TB), protocol is an international, multisite clinical trial comparing Delamanid with the current prophylactic regime of isoniazid, for the prevention of household contacts of adults with MDR, developing MDR. With a total of 3452 high-risk household contacts of an adult with MDR-TB expected to be enrolled from 1726 households by 25 international sites, this is a trial with one of the largest enrollment numbers in an ACTG Network and IMPAACT study. [Read more>>](#)



## National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

### **Stay the Course; the Fight is Not Over!**

*by Morénike Giwa Onaiwu and Lionel Hillard, Global Community Advisory Board Co-Chairs*

Since 1999, communities across the United States have commemorated National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) every February 7. Created in response to the growing

incidence of HIV among African Americans, NBHAAD provides an opportunity to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and education as well as HIV testing and prevention initiatives.

In the United States, African Americans make up a disproportionate percentage of individuals living with HIV. The prevalence of HIV is especially high among youth, women, and men who have sex with men who are African American. Unfortunately the percentage of sub-optimal outcomes (i.e. co-morbidities, viremia, and death) are also high. [Read more>>](#)

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## CROI 2018 is March 4-7 in Boston, MA



### **ACTG Network Prominently Featured at CROI 2018**

The annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) brings together top basic, translational, and clinical researchers from around the world to share the latest studies, important developments, and best research methods in the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases. CROI is a global model of collaborative science and the premier international venue for bridging basic and clinical investigation to clinical practice in the field of HIV and related viruses.

The ACTG Network is pleased to announce it will be prominently featured at CROI 2018 with an impressive 11 oral presentations and 19 poster presentations.

To view the titles of ACTG Network abstracts accepted to CROI 2018, [click here](#).

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## University of North Carolina "HIV Matters" Podcast Now Available

### **ACTG Network Vice Chair Featured in UNC Podcast**

Dr. Joseph Eron, ACTG Network Vice Chair and Investigator at our University of North Carolina Clinical Research Site, was one of six experts recently interviewed for UNC's new "HIV Matters" Podcast. Topics range from HIV with PrEP to HIV-related challenges facing women and minorities and Dr. Eron discussed the latest approaches to HIV treatment. The goal of the "HIV Matters" Podcast is to engage people beyond the academic audience, and into the community so that those who would benefit from this content can find out about it and learn from experts in the field.

To listen to the "HIV Matters" Podcast or read full written transcripts, [click here](#).

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## This Moment in HIV/AIDS History



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### April 19, 1987: Princess Diana Shakes Hands with a Person Living with AIDS

On April 19, 1987, Princess Diana arrived at London Middlesex Hospital to open the UK's first unit dedicated to treating people with HIV and AIDS. Then, she did something that history would remember forever: She shook the hand of a person living with AIDS without wearing gloves. It was more than just a friendly gesture, as the handshake challenged the sadly once-common (but incorrect) stigmatized belief that HIV or AIDS could be transmitted by touch.

"If a royal was allowed to go in shake a patient's hands, somebody at the bus stop or the supermarket could do the same," a nurse who witnessed Princess Diana's hospital visit once told the BBC. "That really educated people."

To learn more about this iconic moment, [click here](#).



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